

Paparoa, Matakoho,  
Surrounding Areas and  
Kaipara District Council  
Working in Partnership



Action Plan

## 1 Introduction

An open public meeting was held in the Paparoa War Memorial Hall on Sunday 13 April at 2.00pm. This meeting consisted of community members voicing both their likes and concerns for their area, with these being themed, and then voted on to determine priority. Attendees then broke into smaller groups to further discuss these themes, alongside possible solutions. This Action Plan is a record of what happened on the day, and includes what the community voiced at the meeting.

Moving forward, community members will be asked to participate in a working group, which is identified to represent one of each of these themes. Meetings for each theme group will take place with community members and a Kaipara District Council representative in support. An Action Plan for each theme will be produced, and in about three months' time we will all come back together to present these individual Action Plans and progress to the community.

## 2 What makes Paparoa, Matakoho and Surrounding Areas special?

- The people and the community spirit:  
How people work together to get things done – cooperative, self-sufficient and self-reliant
- The natural environment:  
Harbour, fishing and walkways
- The history:  
Rich history, celebrated by the Kauri Museum
- Great places and activities:  
A & P show grounds, village centre, halls, businesses, local markets, health services, library, Paparoa Press, Matakoho Messenger, Wearable Arts and the Village Green and The Landing.



### 3 What concerns were raised:

- Quality of roads and footpaths:  
Dust, rally concerns, one lane bridges
- Attracting business and jobs to the area:  
More businesses for employment
- Increasing and encouraging new people to join in Community Activities:  
Activating helpers
- Community and Road Safety:  
Neighbourhood watch, speeds through the village
- Child and youth activities and facilities :  
Playground upgrade, Skate Park
- Noxious weeds:  
Privet and Elaeagnus
- The Landing:  
Potholes in the entrance loop, trees need to be trimmed.

### 4 Concerns prioritised by vote:

1.	Quality of roads and footpaths	18
2.	Attracting business and jobs to the area	17
3.	Increasing and encouraging new people to join in Community Activities	7
4.	Community and Road Safety	5
5.	Child and youth activities and facilities	5
6.	Noxious weeds	4
7.	The Landing	1

Theme 1: Quality of Roads and Footpaths	
Description	Action
Paparoa-Oakleigh Road subsides and is narrow in places.	A service request has been entered.
Bad corrugations and pot holes in numerous roads in the area.	A service request has been entered.
Pot holes at entrance to The Landing.	A service request has been entered.
Where the seal and gravel meet on Franklin Road it is very steep and causes vehicles to skid and rip up the gravel.	A service request has been entered.
The corner leading up to Paparoa Primary on Franklin Road is dangerous.	
Areas of Petley Road and Franklin Roads are unsealed and create large amounts of dust.	Lobby NZ Transport Agency to become a funder of seal extensions.
Concerns about slips in the roads.	Identify where and then a service request will be entered.
Speeds through the village are too fast.	The 50kph speed limit could be pushed out further.
Speeds on Paparoa-Oakleigh Road are too fast.	
Safety of the one way bridges between Paparoa and Matakohe. Speed limit between bridges needs to be clearer and have larger signs.	Lobby NZ Transport Agency.
Bent metal handrail on path by old bank on Paparoa Valley Road is damaged.	A service request has been entered.
The footpath opposite the Pub is cracked and vegetation is overgrown.	A service request has been entered.

<b>Theme 2: Attracting Businesses and Jobs to the Area</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
Attract businesses to area.	Develop a business plan to plan for future development of area. Compliment what businesses are already in place, by planning/discussing others that could be approached – these could come from outside Kaipara.
Assist businesses in the area.	Establish a mentoring programme between business owners to help boost one another and work together.
Young people move away because there is no work, and they lack experience. Training is expensive in terms of both time and money.	
People pass through the area, and do not stop as it is not an end destination. Makes tourism difficult.	Establish and market a reason to stop and stay longer. Signage showcasing what the area has – think from perspective of visitor when designing these.
More commercial and light industrial land needs to be opened up in order to diversify business.	
Create/strengthen a relationship between Paparoa and Matakohe businesses. Helping and supporting each other's business.	Websites: Work together to link and share other activities and attractions within the area to help each other's businesses benefit.
Development and access is limited by infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridges</li> <li>• Roading</li> </ul>	
Look to natural assets, history and character and unique advantages in order to make the area more attractive to visitors.	
Help local cottage industries to be recognised through marketing themselves, and others supporting local goods and products within their stores.	

<b>Theme 3: Increasing and Encouraging New People to Join In Community Activities</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
The need to encourage and invite residents to become involved, as it is the same people constantly pitching in.	<p>Awareness and improved communication.</p> <p>Make it fun – holding a BBQ after an activity.</p> <p>Involve children – education and schools.</p> <p>Involve local community.</p> <p>Sharing of skills – learning from one another and teaching community skills.</p> <p>Create a skill and/or volunteer list.</p> <p>Support and acknowledge volunteers to ensure they feel appreciated.</p> <p>Welcome new residents! Matakoho example of holding a pot luck dinner for new residents was popular.</p>

<b>Theme 4: Community and Road Safety</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
Traffic speeds through the Paparoa Village are too fast – especially tankers and logging trucks	Contact NZ Transport Agency
Road signage	<p>Larger signs and better location of signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70kph sign by Pahi needs to be back further, down by hill or more warning that speed change is coming up</li> <li>• 50kph sign by Paparoa Store could be put further out</li> <li>• 'Slow down' signs warning drivers before the bridge by the school, and by Paparoa Store to warn drivers of children around</li> </ul>
Speeding in the area is an issue.	Speed camera or speed camera operating signs
Resident safety	<p>Set up neighbourhood watch groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather list of interested people who may like to help with keeping an eye out in different areas or locations</li> <li>• Signage stating there is neighbourhood watch in the area</li> <li>• Police involvement</li> <li>• Cameras</li> </ul>

<b>Theme 5: Child and Youth Activities and Facilities</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>Lack of activities for youth aged 11-16 years old.</p> <p>Better facilities may also encourage people to stop and spend time and money in the area when passing through.</p>	<p>Get local schools involved in the process.</p> <p>Open air movie night.</p> <p>A trail bike track – current track behind the showgrounds/sports pavilion could be utilised.</p> <p>Support existing groups and activities, through more or better publicity for current and new events.</p> <p>Harness the fact that amenities in small town are close together.</p>
<p>Area available for skate park is limited in size and susceptible to flooding.</p>	<p>Metal area between Paparua Hall and showgrounds is currently used by stock trucks to park. This is public land. Could this space be utilised for skate park?</p> <p>Another area behind the hall (Cliff Street).</p>
<p>Paparua playground caters to young children but nothing for those who are older.</p>	<p>Increase age range suitability through enhanced playground equipment.</p>

<b>Theme 6: Noxious Weeds</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>Issues with overgrown noxious weeds such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Privet</li> <li>• Gorse</li> <li>• Elaeagnus</li> <li>• Blackberry</li> <li>• Pampas</li> <li>• Ragwort.</li> </ul>	<p>Create awareness through educating local residents about what is a noxious weed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach landowners who have it growing on their land</li> <li>• Tell newcomers to the area.</li> </ul>
<p>Need manpower for spraying and cutting.</p>	<p>Period Detention workers from the Department of Corrections could do this work.</p>

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
Dog laws – Kaipara District Council is very dog 'unfriendly'	
Petley Road rubbish cage – some people do not use proper paid rubbish bags	
Public toilets in Village Green look great on outside and are clean on inside but could do with a 'spruce up' especially as used by travellers and tourists passing through the area.	
Kaipara District Council compliance fees for running Paparoa and Matakohē Halls' community / commercial kitchens are high (\$500) and a large cost when usage fees are small (approx. \$15 an hour).	
Develop area between The Landing and The Village Green, where trees have been removed.	



## Appendix 1

What the community said when asked:

### What makes Paparoa, Matakohe and Surrounding Areas special?

- Great A & P Show
- Sunshine
- Good fishing
- Library
- Community spirit
- Showgrounds – open space
- Natural surroundings
- Attractive village
- Local markets
- Community gets on and does things without asking for help
- Bushwalk
- Museum
- Village Green and The Landing
- Good cultural facilities – including Maungaturoto
- Couple of good halls – Paparoa and Matakohe
- Cooperative business people
- Great school
- Good collection of businesses
- Good group of people
- Lifestyle of village
- Remote from Auckland
- Self sufficient
- Doctors and Nurses Clinic
- Cooperation with village activities – people getting involved
- Good core of people that makes things happen
- Long history
- Harbour
- Working relationship with Kaipara District Council
- Paparoa Press and Matakohe Messenger – great sources of communication
- Wearable Arts show

## Appendix 2

What the community said when asked:

### What concerns do you have for this area?

- Activating helpers
- Neighbourhood Watch – Informal ones on Petley Road and Franklin Road
- Something for young people to do, such as a skate park
- Dog laws – a very dog unfriendly Council (review or compare to other councils)
- Playground upgrade for older children - also in need of safety inspections and maintenance
- Dust on Petley Road and Franklin Roads as they are metal
- Rally concerns also on these roads
- Noxious weeds – Privet and Elaeagnus
- Potholes in The Landing loop entrance
- Kaipara part of Paparoa-Oakleigh Road subsides and is narrow in places
- Speeds through the village (50kph) want the signs moved further out
- School bus route (20kph past buses)
- More businesses for employment
- Two one lane bridges – lobbying
- Corner of Franklin Road by Paparoa Primary is dangerous
- Petley Road rubbish cage – people do not use correct rubbish bags and then others have to pay for this through their rates
- Franklin Road metal to seal is on steep incline – seal extra 50 metres
- Public toilets in Paparoa could do with a spruce up. They look great on outside but less so on inside, although are kept very clean
- Compliance costs of keeping a community commercial kitchen are very high – Kaipara District Council fees
- Footpath across from the Paparoa Hotel is in a bad condition and vegetation overgrown
- Hand rail on path by old bank building is unsafe
- Trees in The Landing need to be trimmed
- Council staff mentioned that the area between The Landing and Village Green could be developed – how?

## Appendix 3

### Methodology – How we did it:

Kaipara District Council's community planning approach wishes to support community initiatives, through listening to community's ideas and concerns about their place.

An open public meeting was held in the Paparua War Memorial Hall on Sunday 13 April at 2.00pm, inviting local residents to be a part of the discussions about their area, and its future. Over 600 letters of invitation were sent out to ratepayers within the catchment area of Paparua, Matakohe and surrounds – this included the areas of Ararua, Maretu and Taipuha. Posters were also distributed throughout Paparua and Matakohe, and advertised in the local school newsletters. 29 local residents attended this meeting, largely representative of Paparua.